



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 433

LCO No. 2056

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:

SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

REP. WALKER, 93rd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHACKLING OF CHILDREN DURING
DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 815t of the general statutes be amended to prohibit the
- 2 physical restraining of a child, as defined in section 46b-120 of the
- 3 general statutes, by the use of shackles, handcuffs or other mechanical
- 4 restraint, at any delinquency proceeding prior to conviction, unless a
- 5 judge determines that the restraining of an individual child is
- 6 necessary to ensure public safety. Nothing in this section shall be
- 7 construed as preventing a child from being physically restrained while
- 8 being transported from one location to another.

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit children from being mechanically restrained during delinquency proceedings prior to conviction, unless necessary to ensure public safety.